



Proclamation
presented to
Scoliosis Research Society

WHEREAS, increasing public awareness of scoliosis helps children, parents, adults and health care providers understand, recognize and treat the complexities of spinal deformities, such as scoliosis; and

WHEREAS, scoliosis, an abnormal curvature of the spine with no known cause, is a condition affecting 2-3 percent of the population, or an estimated seven million people, in the United States striking without regard to gender, race, age or economic status; and

WHEREAS, an estimated one million scoliosis patients receive health care yearly, with approximately one of every six children being diagnosed with this condition eventually requiring active medical treatment; and

WHEREAS, the primary age of onset for scoliosis is between ten and fifteen, with females being five times more likely to progress to a curve magnitude that requires treatment; and

WHEREAS, screening programs allow for early detection and for treatment opportunities that may alleviate the worst effects of the condition; and

WHEREAS, National Scoliosis Awareness Month renews our commitment to raising awareness of and combating the spinal condition of scoliosis, and to recognize the need for increased research and funding to reduce the pain and suffering it causes;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim June 2016 as

“NATIONAL SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH”

in Hawai'i and encourage the citizens of the Aloha State to join us in pledging to continue to raise awareness and fight scoliosis in the State of Hawai'i.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on this first day of June 2016.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

SHAN S. TSUTSUI
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i